THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Crop compensation for damaged Rabi Crop of 2001-2002 was admissible, and for occuption of land after the Rabi crop, the admissible compensation was @ 50% of the gross estimated produce for cultivable land. Rental compensation was admissible for uncultivable land.

(b) The compensation is being paid with effect from December 2001. It has been sanctioned for the period upto 31.12.2003 in respect of State of Punjab except for areas of Gurdaspur district falling under Northern Command, for which compensation has been sanctioned for the period upto 30.4.2004.

Phasing out of Mirage-2000 and Mig-29

3595. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) when Mirage-2000 amd Mig-29 are likely to be phased out by IAF; and

(b) what are alternative arrangements planned?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) As various aircraft complete their technical life or otherwise lose their utility, they are phased out and new aircraft inducted. It would not be in the interest of national security to give details of plan of phasing out and new inductions.

Nag Anti-Tank Missile

3596. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is developing aerial version of Nag anti-tank missile; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is developing aerial version of NAG, anti-tank missile to be mounted on Advanced Light Helicopter.

(b) The aerial version of NAG is in the advanced stage of development and flight testing. The missile has 'fire and foreget' and 'top attack' capabilities.